

REMARKS

Claims 26-44 are currently pending in this application. In the last Office Action, the specification was objected to as not identifying the patent number that issued from the parent application, and claims 34-37 were objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 due to minor informalities. In addition, claims 26-37 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Pat. No. 6,591,341.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 38-44 were allowable over the prior art of record, and that claims 26-37 contain patentable subject matter.

This Response amends the specification to identify the patent number that issued from the parent application. In addition, while Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejections in the last office action, this Response amends claims 34, 36, and 37 to clarify these claims. Applicant submits that these amendments do not change the scope of these claims. Applicant further submits that these claims are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

This Response is being filed with a terminal disclaimer with regard to U.S. Pat. No. 6,591,341. Applicant submits that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection of claims 26-37 for obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and favorable action in connection with this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4310 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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